



Cole and Sarah McCauley, your hands and feet for the orphaned

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck." – Proverbs 1:8–9

Greetings in Christ dear brothers and sisters,

Above the doorway leaving my family's home hangs a simple sign: *Return with Honor*.

For years, as the young adults who've lived with our family have passed through these walls, that sign has been a quiet reminder—for them and for us. We once hoped to transition the older kids continuing in our Advance Program into loving Guatemalan Christian families, but over time many of those placements didn't last. Trauma, rebellion, or simply the weight of past wounds proved too much for some families. As our young adults would return to us, we had to learn together.

Two of those girls were Cristina and Sandra. They came back needing a home and our love. We poured into them, set boundaries with grace, and pointed them to the sign every time they left: "Sweetheart, you leave with honor—because you are God's child, forgiven, loved, sanctified. Your choices outside these walls determine whether you return with more honor, the same, or less. We love you. Tell us where you're going, who you're with, when you'll be back. We're here."

They tried, but at times they thought they knew better. Headstrong youth led to poor decisions and rebellion. We pleaded, prayed, and loved the best we could, but they left still carrying some of the same struggles they arrived with. It was painful. Yet God is faithful—Cristina is now married and seems to be doing well (though she has shared about some hard lessons from those choices), and Sandra has faced her own trials but recently reached out for forgiveness. We're believing God is still at work in her story (Shane may share more about this soon).

Then came Fermina (she likes to go by the name Liseth now). She arrived needing help, much like the others—lacking trust, uncertain. We were younger then, and she tested boundaries. But through ups and downs, nights of prayer, tears, and patient counsel, something shifted. She began to listen, to trust our guidance. By the time she left our home, she was no longer just a girl needing help—she left as a daughter. She even sought our counsel on pursuing marriage honorably with Juan (one of our boys raised in Casa de Mi Padre). They courted openly and respectfully, and now they are the house parents for the girls' home, serving with love and maturity. We see her reflect the same heart we tried to model—crying out to God for wisdom when a child's heart hurts, trusting Him in the hard moments. "Hear, my daughter, your father's instruction..." (Proverbs 1:8–9) became true in her life: she left wearing that "graceful garland."

Now, at the start of this year, Reyna and Lucrecia (turning 18) moved out of the children's home and into our family's home. Reyna is the oldest of four siblings who were once in Casa; Lucrecia came with her younger sister Elda years ago. From the first days, they entered our house as daughters—calling me "Papa" or "Father," sharing openly, giving and receiving hugs, saying "I love you." One of the girls came to me with honesty: telling me about a boy she likes and a purse he gave her ("I just thought you needed to know"), asking for help navigating feelings wisely. Another, reached out to her unknown father online and was rejected, she came to me broken-hearted. We prayed, I held her, and she said that she had told the man, "I have a father now, and his name is Cole." My heart melted. Similarly, one of them apologized quickly after a sharp moment ("Papa Cole, I'm sorry—I wasn't kind



Lucrecia and Reyna



earlier"), showing the Holy Spirit's conviction. These small moments build huge confidence.

We've learned so much. We no longer seek outside homes for the young people in our Advance Program unless God clearly prepares one. Instead, we focus on building trust, boundaries, and counsel from the start—helping them leave as daughters who carry honor. "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged" (Colossians 3:20–21). We're seeing the fruit: girls entering as needing help, but growing in maturity, confidence, and openness to our guidance. Also, for the young men in our ministry, Shane is providing a home, continued guidance, and care after they move on from the children's home.

Prayer Needs

Reyna and Lucrecia: **Continued growth in confidence, maturity, and trust in our counsel. Also pray for Lord's guidance in friendships, emotions, and future callings.**

Cristina, Sandra, and Liseth (Fermina): **God's ongoing work in their hearts; healing from past choices; fruit from the seeds planted here.**

All our Advance Program young adults: **Wisdom, boldness, and faithfulness as they step into independence; protection from discouragement; confidence in their identity as God's daughters/sons.**

Our family & staff: **Patience, wisdom, and favor as we parent these older girls; grace to model Christlike love and boundaries.**

The ministry: **God's glory in every heart transformed.**

Our Hope and Prayer

We believe God builds daughters and sons—not just homes, but lives of honor, confidence, and radical faithfulness. Join us in praying for Reyna and Lucrecia to leave as daughters who "return with honor" in every season. May they carry His name boldly into whatever future He calls them to.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, love, and support. All glory to God—you are part of what He is building!

**WORKING HARD,
THE MCCAULEY'S AND
THE KIDS OF CASA
WE'LL TALK TO YA SOON!**



Shane with some young people who grew up in Casa de Mi Padre; 5 of the young men live at his house as they continue their studies as part of our Advance Program.

Financial Needs

Transportation Update: The Van Need

If I'm being honest, I'm not super comfortable asking again about another bus—we've been so grateful for the two God has already provided over the past few years. But a friend in ministry heard that our oldest 17-passenger van was needing major repairs and felt led to offer a matching challenge. He's even sharing this need with his own network! We're simply following the door God seems to have opened and trusting Him completely. If this is His will and provision, we trust He'll move hearts to help. If He has something else in mind, we submit fully to that too.

If you feel led to partner (or share with someone who might), the matching opportunity is active now. Every gift counts, and we praise God for whatever He chooses to do.

Construction Update: Progress and March Need

The building is coming along—praise God for real progress on the small home and the larger community spaces. We've seen foundations laid, walls rise, and steady advancement since last year.

That said, March is a critical month. We're starting the next push, but we may not have enough funds to keep the crew going through the end of the month without interruption. We'd love to maintain momentum so the work doesn't stop.

Please keep this in prayer. If God puts it on your heart to help or to pass the word to others who can, we'd be deeply grateful. We're trusting His timing and provision completely.

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Praises for God's blessings

- **School is off to a great start!** The kids are working hard at their academic goals in the mornings and also enjoying extra curricular learning, like cooking classes, in the afternoons. We are so thankful for our staff member, Claudia, for helping coordinate our extra curricular programs this year and for devoting special time for teaching Bible classes during the school day.

Prayer requests

- **Our Bible Quiz Program.** Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts and minds of the kids as they memorize scripture. Also, pray that more youth from our city would begin participating and that the gospel would be spread through this fun outreach.



- **For new children who are entering Casa de Mi Padre.** Pray that they would feel safe and loved. Recently, a little 4-year-old boy, Domingo, arrived who just speaks the local Mayan language and not Spanish. Pray that the Lord would comfort him in his times of sadness and that he would learn to speak Spanish quickly. Pray for our staff as they work to communicate with him and help him feel like he's a part of a loving family.
- **Our trip to the USA in May-June.** Pray for a fruitful time of sharing about our mission!



Giving opportunities

- **Sponsor a Child**
Contact our child sponsor coordinator Anne Carter for specific needs of the children and which children are currently in need of sponsors. Each child needs several sponsors to cover their regular financial needs. Some of our Advance Program young adults who have aged out of the children's home are also in need of sponsors. Anne's email is: casachildsponsorship@gmail.com
- **17-passenger van for the boys' home** The matching gift campaign of a generous friend is still active! Our old 2008 van needed some major repairs, so we are hoping to raise money to replace it with a new vehicle. We estimate we will still **need to raise about \$30,000**. Memo "van" on checks or select "Special Projects" for online giving and memo "van".



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